



**Duration**

3 years (6 semesters,  
2745 hours)



**Schedule**

Full-time  
Daytime



**Languages  
of Instruction**  
English, French



**Methods  
of Instruction**  
On-campus, Online

Build a meaningful career from your passion as a special care counsellor providing professional and emotional support. The DCS in Special Care Counselling prepares you for appropriate interventions and teaches you to work with a range of professionals through hands-on workshops and professional internships.

### Career Prospects

Québec's outlook in this field is promising. The "Opération main-d'œuvre" was launched in 2021 due to high demand.

According to the Government of Québec, the province was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> for future prospects, with an 85% placement rate.

Québec is also expecting full-time job openings due to retiring professionals.

### Career Fields

Special Care Counsellors can work in different environments:

- Custodial care and rehabilitation centres;
- Regular or specialized schools;
- Group and youth homes;
- Public (government) organizations: health and social services (youth centers, CLSCs, hospitals, CHSLDs, etc.);
- Education (regular and specialized schools).

### Opportunities

Notre approche unique intègre l'expérience professionnelle avec l'apprentissage en classe pour une formation pratique et concrète.

- Our unique approach incorporates real-world experience with classroom learning for a hands-on, practical education.
- Collaborate with active industry professionals;
- Sharpen skills in a practical setting;
- Observe real interaction between professionals and children at our very own daycare centre.

### Cutting-edge Facilities and Equipment

Experiment with cutting-edge, industry-standard equipment, software, and technology in our advanced facilities, including:

- FLEX classrooms,
- Active learning classrooms,
- Mini-Lab,
- LaSalle des petits Daycare,
- And many others!

Actively participate and collaborate with teachers using these specialized facilities, boosting your motivation and confidence.

### Diploma and Accreditation

This Diploma of College Studies (DCS) is approved by the ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur de Québec and is internationally recognized.

Holders of a Diploma of College Studies (DCS) can pursue university studies or enter the workforce directly.

### Work Experience

Get sought-after practical experience with our Career Service, open-doors daycare centre, and Work-Study Program (WSP), which incorporates two paid internships into your program.

Our Special Care Counselling program also includes three (3) internships as part of the curriculum:

- Initiation to Intervention (180 hours),
- Intervention Experimentation (210 hours),
- Intervention Process (465 hours).

**For this program, you'll  
need to use your own  
computer equipment.**





## Tuition

Estimate the cost of your studies in 4 easy steps.



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## Prerequisites

Proof of eligibility might be requested for internships. A background check is necessary. This request will be made by the College.

Proof of up-to-date basic immunization might be requested as an internship requirement:

- Diphtheria,
- Poliomyelitis,
- Tetanus,
- Rubella,
- Mumps,
- Measles.

Hepatitis B and flu vaccines are also mandatory.

## Admissions Criteria

Exceptions to these admission criteria may be applied.

Every application is reviewed by the College.

To be eligible for acceptance into this program, applicants are generally required to meet one of the following criteria:

- Secondary School Diploma (SSD).
- Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) with completion of:
  - Language of Instruction from Secondary 5,
  - Second Language from Secondary 5,
  - Mathematics from Secondary 4.

Equivalent education or an instruction deemed sufficient.

## List of Courses

Diploma of College Studies (DCS) programs consist of:

- General education courses common to all programs,
- General education courses specific to the program,
- Complementary general education courses.

## General Education Courses

- 3 Physical Education courses (90h)
- 3 Humanities courses (150h)
- 4 Language and Literature courses (240h)
- 2 Second Language courses (90h)
- 1 Complementary course (45h)
- 1 French Literature course (45h)

## Concentration Courses

You must take 2 concentration courses in French.

- Special Care Counseling Profession (45h)
- Intervention Process 1: Observation (45h)
- Health and Professional Integrity (45h)
- Child Psychology in Special Care Counseling (45h)
- Adaptation Process (45h)
- Preparation for Internships (45h)
- Communication Skills in Special Care Counseling (45h)
- Intervention Process 2 : Introduction to the Helping Relationship (45h)
- Adolescence Psychology in Special Care Counseling (45h)
- Planning and Leading Activities 1 (60h)
- Learning Challenges (60h)
- Intercultural Approach: Initiation (45h)
- Youth with Adaptation Difficulties (45h)
- Intervention Process 3: Approaches and Techniques in Special Care Counseling (60h)
- Adult Psychology in Special Care Counseling (45h)
- Internship 1: Initiation to Intervention (180h)
- Planning and Leading Activities 2 (45h)
- Helping Skills in a Crisis Context (45h)
- Addictions (45h)
- Intervention Process 4: Intervention Plan (45h)
- Internship 2: Intervention Experimentation (210h)
- Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder (60h)
- Psychopathologies (45h)
- Aging Process (45h)
- Physical and Neurological Disabilities (45h)
- Violence and Victimology (45h)
- Interventions for Families (45h)
- Intercultural Approach: Intervention (45h)
- Internship 3: Intervention Process (465h)

\* The College reserves the right to substitute some courses.